

REMARKS

Claims 12-14 and 16 are pending. Reconsideration is requested.

The Examiner pointed out that Figures 4-6 contain sequences that are not identified by SEQ ID NO. Filed herewith is a substitute Sequence Listing including sequences from the figures that were not included in the earlier Sequence Listing. Also included is a diskette containing the substitute Sequence Listing in computer readable form. The paper and computer readable forms are the same and contain no new matter. Also filed herewith are proposed amended Figures 4-6, including sequence identification nos. It is believed that this material would be more suitably designated "Tables 1-3". The Examiner's approval is sought for this change.

Claim 13 has been rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Choudhry and Brahmachari, and claim 12 under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over Choudhry and Brahmachari. Filed herewith is a Declaration signed by inventor Samir Kumar Brahmachari, attesting to the fact that coinventors Mukerji and Jain were not listed in the SNP database because their contribution to the invention was mainly in the association study of SNPs with SCA2. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the SNP database does not render claims 12 and 13 anticipated or obvious. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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